

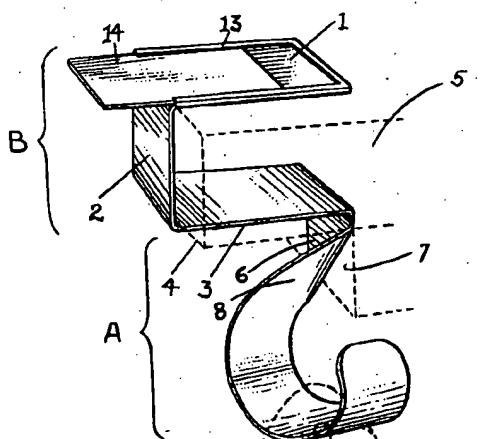
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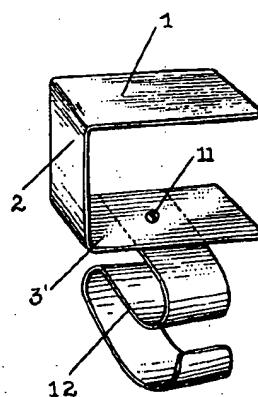
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HANDBAG HOLDER OR THE LIKE

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*Fig. 1-*



*Fig. 2-*

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## HANDBAG HOLDER OR THE LIKE

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This invention relates to table equipment and the like, and more particularly to holders, clamps or brackets designed to support handbags and the like underneath the top of a dining table, for example.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a novel holder for handbags or the like which supports the bag within easy reach of its owner yet away from the surface of the table top so as to leave the same free for serving and similar purposes.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a novel holder for handbags or the like which supports the bag in a concealed manner yet permits access to the contents of the bag without necessitating removal of the bag from the holder.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a novel holder for handbags or the like which includes a clamp or bracket portion whereby the holder is mounted on the side edge of a table top, and which permits this clamp or bracket portion, in addition to its function as support for the holder, to serve as clamp or fastening means for a table cloth covering the table top.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a novel holder for handbags or the like which includes a clamp or bracket portion serving both for mounting the holder on a table top and for securing a table cloth to said table top, and which includes as the top part of said clamp or bracket portion a face portion adapted to carry advertising, nameplates or similar ornamentation.

Other objects, and the manner in which the same are attained, will become apparent as this specification proceeds.

Ladies' handbags and similar small carrying cases are frequently in the way because of the dual requirement imposed on them that they must be within easy reach of the owner at all times, yet must not interfere with whatever the owner happens to be doing at the time. An umbrella is left in the check room, a hat is (usually) kept on, but handbags occupy the singular position of an accessory which accompanies the owner wherever she goes. In a theater, for example, the owner may hold the bag in her lap but in restaurants and similar establishments, where her hands should be free for eating, drinking, passing dishes and the like the presence of the bag is a source of discomfort and annoyance. If it is placed on the table it crowds the space available for serving purposes, held in the lap without manual support it usually ends up on the floor. Clearly, the situa-

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tion calls for a remedy which the present invention tends to provide.

The novel handbag holder or the like according to the present invention is distinguished by what may be referred to as a twisted hook portion. This twisted hook portion comprises a flat piece of sheet metal or plastic material, for example, which is designed to rest flat against the border or skirt of the table just underneath the table top, for part of the way that is; for allowing for a certain part of the flat piece of material to rest flat against the table skirt, the remainder of the piece is twisted so that this lower portion becomes perpendicular rather than parallel to the table skirt, and it is this lower portion which is formed into an open hook or bend which thus, does not project from underneath the table top as it would do were the flat, supporting portion simply bent outwardly instead of being twisted in the manner described. Accordingly, the hook extends underneath the outer flange of the table top without projecting beyond the outer edge thereof, with the result that the bag suspended from the hook rests underneath the table top and concealed from view, the hook being in no position to tear clothing or cause other injury.

In mounting the twisted hook portion described above on the table, the invention solves some additional problems. According to the invention there is provided, integral with the flat piece of material the lower part of which is formed into the twisted hook portion, a clamp or bracket portion whereby to secure the holder to the flange of the table top. This arrangement has the decided advantage that the holder may be readily put on and removed from the table, the latter for purposes of cleaning both the table and the holder. Moreover, this arrangement results in investing the clamp or bracket portion with the additional important function of serving to clamp or secure a table cloth to the table top. Particularly in restaurants where table cloths are put on in a hurry, some means of quickly securing the table cloth to the table in an orderly manner is a prerequisite in avoiding the disarray and unseemly appearance of dinner tables, and the holders according to the present invention which are clamped in the flange of the table top with one simple motion, appeared to serve admirably the purpose of simultaneously securing the table cloth to the table top.

The only part of the clamp holder according to the invention which is exposed on the table top is the flat, narrow strip of material which forms the top of the clamp or bracket portion.

According to the present invention, this part too is utilized for a purpose additional to its primary, i. e. supporting function, namely for serving to carry an advertising message, or a name plate, or any other printed or ornamental material. With this purpose in mind, the top portion of the clamp is provided with guides into which a correspondingly shaped strip of material carrying the advertising, name or ornamentation may be conveniently and replaceably inserted. A cover of transparent material may be placed over the strip inserted into the guides if desired, or, in case the top of the clamp itself should be made of transparent material such as plastic, a slot may be provided in this top or face portion parallel to the table top to accommodate a thin strip of material carrying the advertising, name or the like ornamentation. Thus, the invention also involves an entirely new type of advertising medium which, since it is placed in front of the patron of a restaurant, cafe, bar, lunch counter etc. while the meal is being ordered, promises to be particularly effective in advertising soft drinks, liquor and the like.

In the drawing attached to this specification and forming part thereof some embodiments of the invention are illustrated diagrammatically by way of example, but I wish it to be understood that various modifications may be made within the scope of the appended claim, in the construction, design and operation of the invention without departing from its spirit or sacrificing any advantages thereof.

In the drawing,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a handbag holder according to the invention as applied to a table top, and

Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modification of the handbag holder shown in Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawing wherein like elements are denoted by identical reference numerals, and first to Fig. 1, the handbag holder according to the invention is seen to comprise, generally, a twisted hook portion A and a clamp portion B. Preferably though not necessarily, the entire holder according to Fig. 1 may be made from a single fairly narrow strip of material such as metal or plastic, for example, so the portions A and B are integral parts of the same piece of material. Starting from the top, the clamp portion comprises a top or face plate 1, a side or connecting plate 2, and a bottom plate 3. In the embodiment of the invention shown in Fig. 1, the top and bottom plates 1 and 3, respectively, are so spaced as to tightly grip or fit the flange 4 of a table top 5, the fit being sufficiently elastic or resilient as to accommodate different thicknesses of table tops, as well as table tops with and without table cloths.

Merging into the free edge of the bottom plate 3 of the clamp portion and at right angles to the latter, is a flat portion 6 which rests against the

skirt 7 of the table. This flat portion 6, in turn, merges into the twisted portion 8 which terminates in the hook portion 9. The handbag 10 is suspended from the hook 9 as indicated in the drawing.

The top or face plate 1 of the clamp portion is provided with guides 11 into which a strip 12 carrying advertising is inserted.

In the embodiment of the invention according to Fig. 2, the clamp and hook portions are separate parts which are joined together by a screw or rivet member 11. In this embodiment of the invention, the twisted hook member assumes the shape of the letter S as indicated at 12 in Fig. 2.

The guide members 13 and the insertable strip portion 14, shown in Fig. 1, are omitted in Fig. 2 but may, of course, be incorporated in this embodiment of the invention if desired. In special cases, however, advertising or similar ornamental matter may be provided on the top surface of clamp portion 1 so as to eliminate the necessity of the guide and insert members 13 and 14, respectively.

The handbag holder according to this invention is extremely simple to make and therefore, lends itself to mass-manufacture and large volume sales. In utilizing various parts of the clamp portion not only for supporting the holder portion proper, but for securing the table cloth to the table top and moreover, providing an entirely new advertising medium, the invention arrives at a number of results which are surprising considering the simplicity and low cost of the new gadget.

I claim:

As an article of manufacture, a handbag holding device comprising a section of resilient sheet material bent to form a C clamp having a top and bottom portion adapted to receive a projecting table edge between them, said bottom portion having a portion continuous with the end thereof, said continuous portion bent downwardly and rearwardly with respect to the end of the said bottom portion and twisted and bent to form a hook member set at right angles to the said C clamp.

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[54] **CONTAINER CLIP**

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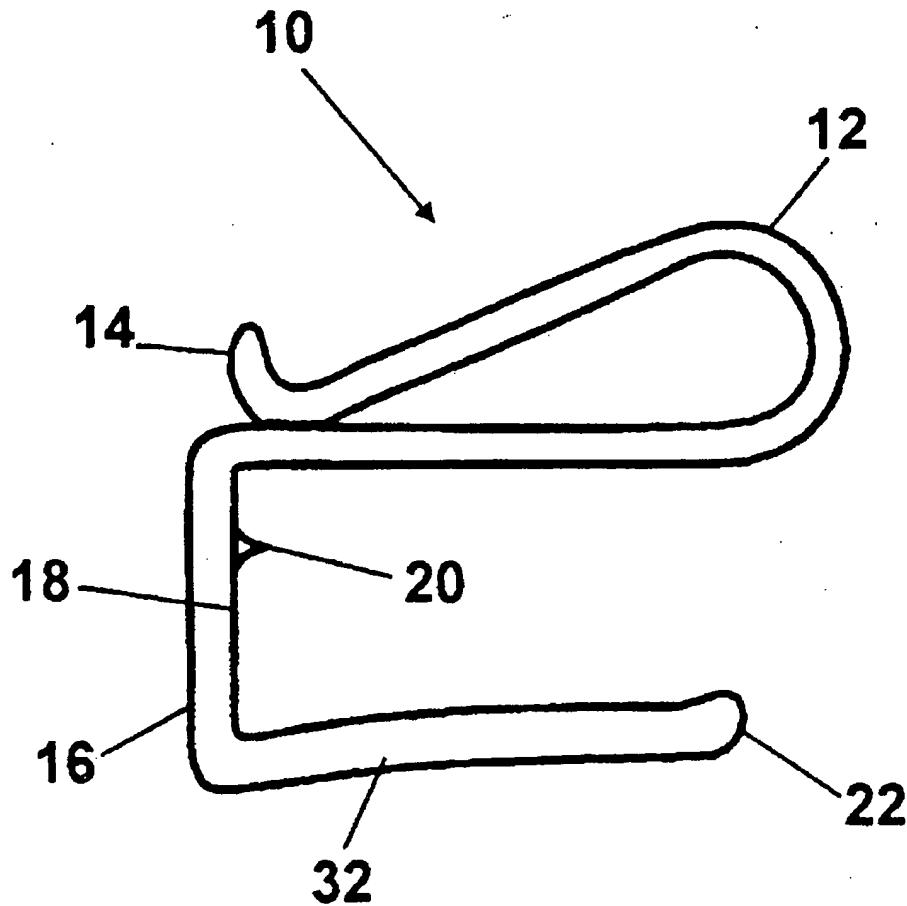
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A one-piece clip shaped into open ended paralleling first and second sections attaches to the free side edge of an automobile sun visor. The first section is formed into a clip attachable to the sun visor. The second section is shaped into a holder for various small articles, in particular, a round moist snuff container.



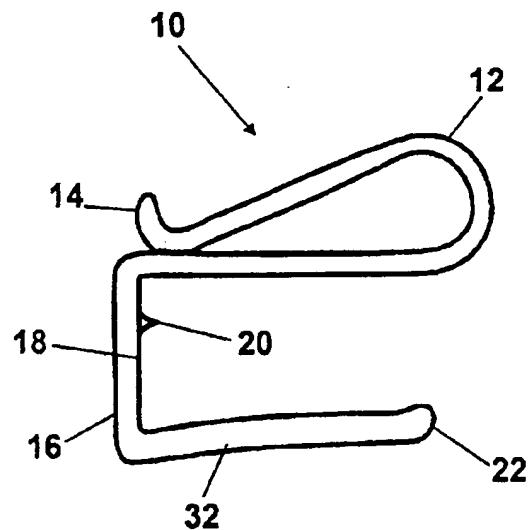


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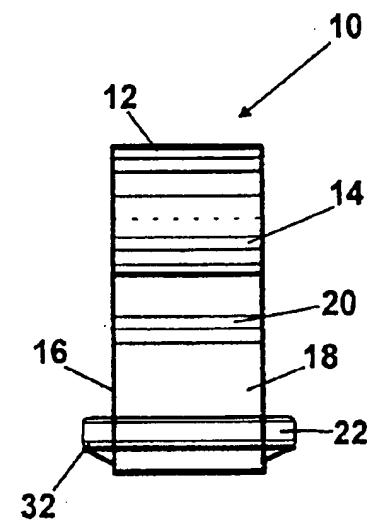


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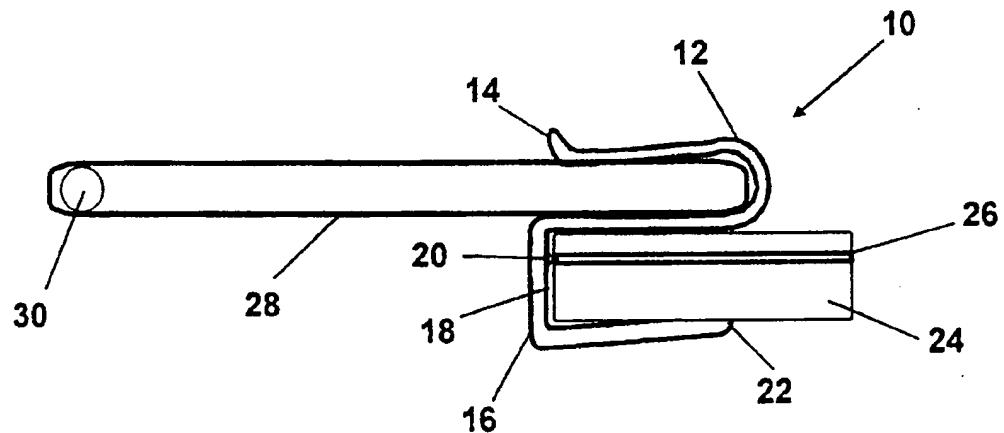


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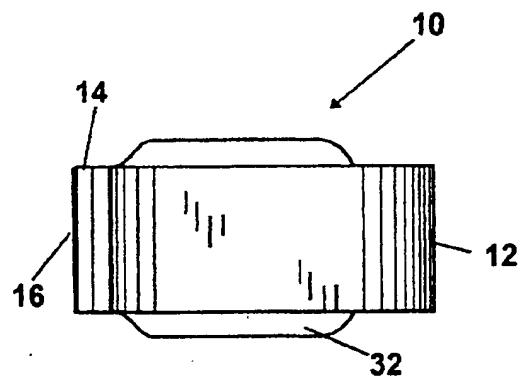


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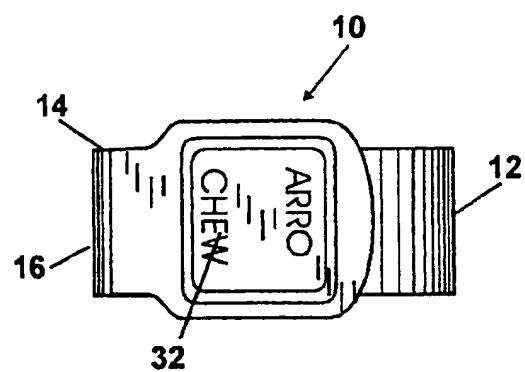


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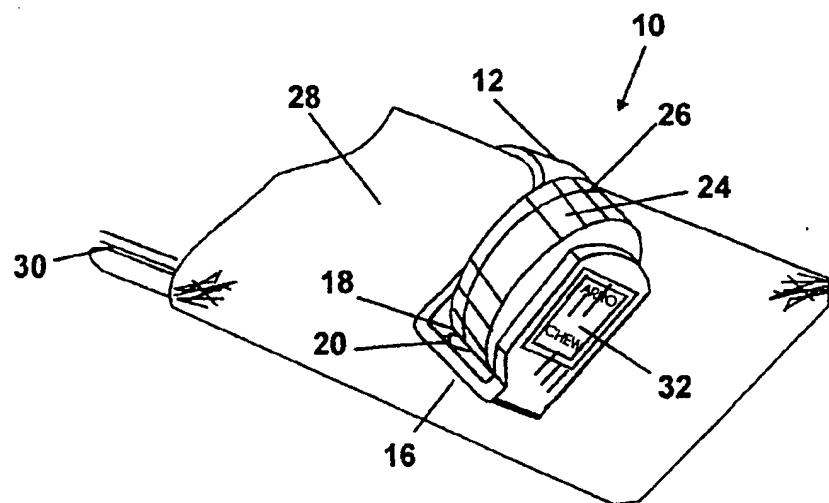


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## CONTAINER CLIP

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

## 1. Field of the Invention

This invention relates to clips that are designed to snap over interior automobile sun visors and hold items available for a motorist to use. Most of these items include sunglasses, note pads, auto registration slips, cigarette packages and the like. The present invention is particularly designed to snap over an automobile sun visor for holding a moist snuff container and other similar items.

## 2. Description of the Prior Art

Although there are many types of snap on clips for automobile visors shown in past art patents and available in the market place, no specialty clips in accordance with the present invention are seen. Automobile visor clips usually include such items as framed license holders and clip-on mirror attachments. As the area between the top surface of an automobile visor and the inside upholstering of the car is comparably small, clips that hold other than flat items must be specially designed or arranged to hold items on the down side of the visor when the visor is in the up position.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, the present invention is particularly directed towards holding a round snuff box, referred to interchangeably hereinafter as a moist snuff container, in a handy position for the car driver. Even so, the clip of this invention will also hold a variety of other small items, such as cigarette packages and the like as well as moist snuff containers to any vehicle equipped with sun visors. My clip design is also useful for holding small items affixed to any surface having a narrow accessible edge. In accordance with the invention, my clip is one-piece of flat continuous material approximately seven/eighth of an inch wide shaped into two parallel sections. The two sections have opposite opened ends. A first section is sized for attachment to a free side edge of an automobile sun visor. A second section is sized for holding a container removable. This produces two U-shaped sections, one above the other. The upper section is narrower than the lower one and is rounded back to form a clip-on end. The lower section has a straight wall at a vertical end and a widened base along a lower side ending at the opened end. The base of the clip visible from the driver side is flattened so a logo or some advertising can be displayed on the showing surface. On an inside surface at the support lower end of the clip, there is a small sharpened point. This point is arranged in a position aligned with the opening between the top and the bottom of a moist snuff container. By twisting the moist snuff container around in the clip, the sharpened point will easily separate the container top from the container bottom. Although the container top remains in position, the container is open and the snuff is readily available to the user.

As a principal object, the present invention provides easy access to a container, particularly a round moist snuff container, in a handy position for the driver of a vehicle.

Another object of the invention is to provide a visor clip for holding a moist snuff container that has a device included to separate the top of the container from the bottom by twisting the moist snuff container around.

A further object of this invention is to provide a visor clip designed to hold small items in a handy storage position.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a snap on clip for holding a moist snuff container and other items that is useful on any surface having an accessible narrow edge.

5 Other objects and the many advantages of the present invention will become clear from reading the following specifications and comparing numbered parts described with the same numbered parts illustrated in the drawings.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The drawings illustrating the clip of this invention in various views include:

FIG. 1 showing a side view of the clip constituting the two sections of this invention. The sharpened point for opening a held container can be seen on the inside surface of the vertical lower wall left in the drawing. The vertical wall is in the lower container-holding section of the clip;

FIG. 2 showing the clip from an end view;

FIG. 3 showing the clip of this invention snapped over an automobile sun visor and holding a round moist snuff container;

FIG. 4 showing a top plan view of the clip;

25 FIG. 5 showing a bottom plan view of the clip from the lower side surface of the widened base, and

FIG. 6 showing a perspective view of the clip in use holding a round moist snuff container with the clip snapped onto the free side of an automobile sun visor.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring now to the drawings at FIG. 1 where the invention, clip 10, is shown in a side elevation view. Clip 10 is formed from one-piece of flat continuous material approximately seven/eighth of an inch wide shaped into two parallel sections. The two sections have opposite opened ends. A looped attachment guide 14 in the upper section at a terminal end is angled up for easy slide attachment to any accessible flat edge. Attachment guide 14 is pressured downward against the top edge of container clamp 16 by the curved section of Snap-On clamp 12. Snap clamp 12 loops around into a flat area that continues a short distance then angles downward as container clamp 16. The inside vertical section of container clamp 16 has a sizing wall 18 that is opened to fit a round moist snuff container 24 (See FIG. 3). Sizing wall 18 has a seal separator 20, a sharpened edging positioned to align with the container sealer 26 of moist snuff container 24.

50 Clip 10 has a widened base 32 along the lower side that is slightly angled upward in the center and ends in a small upwardly looped terminal end, positioning tongue 22.

FIG. 2 shows clip 10 from in an end view looking into the open end. Attachment clamp 12 is at the top in the illustration and clip base 32 is at the bottom. In the FIG. 2 illustration, the approximate width of clip 10 can be seen relative to its height. Attachment guide 14 is just above seal separator 20. Seal separator 20 is in the upper section of sizing wall 18. Positioning tongue 22 is at the front of clip base 32. The approximate width of clip base 32 can also be seen in FIG. 2.

FIG. 3 shows clip 10 attached to car sun visor 28 by attachment clamp 12. The turned up end of attachment guide 14 is upward in the illustration. Car sun visor 28 is shown horizontally aligned and attached to visor rod 30 it would be when in the up position inside an automobile. Round

moist snuff container 24 is held in clip 10 by container clamp 16. Container 24 fits into the area shown as sizing wall 18 and is secured temporarily by positioning tongue 22. Although container 24 could be a variety of small round containers or similar objects that would fit in clamp 10, the container illustrated is a moist snuff container. The illustrated container, designated container 24, has a seal rim 26. Clip 10 has a seal separator 20 for one-handed opening of seal rim 26 by rotating container 24. The upward curve of positioning tongue 22 pressing against the center of round moist snuff container 24 allows this rotation. Opening container 24 in this manner is easily accomplished and the contents of container 24 become readily available to the driver of an automobile who might use snuff.

In the FIG. 4 top plan view of clip 10, attachment clamp 12 is illustrated to the right and container clamp 16 is to the left. The wider clip base 32 can be seen on the upper and lower sides of the upper body of clip 10. Attachment guide 14 is just visible above container clamp 16 left in the FIG. 4 illustration.

In a bottom plan view of clip 10 in FIG. 5, the bottom surface of widened base 32 is seen facing the viewer. This area is available for trade names or advertising slogans. As the bottom surface of widened base 32 is visible when visor 28 is in the up position as shown in FIG. 3, this surface is ideal for advertising purposes.

The perspective view of clip 10 attached to visor 28 in FIG. 6 shows clip 10 in use. Clip 10 is holding round moist snuff container 24 and is snapped onto the free end of automobile sun visor 28. Clip 10 is held to the free end of visor 28 by attachment clamp 12. Container 24 is held in clip 10 by container clamp 16 and base 32 on the bottom. Container 24 fits in the area maintained by sizing wall 18 with container seal 26 positioned against seal separator 20 ready for twist opening by the driver of the automobile. The foregoing should provide sufficient information for anyone skilled in the art to produce clip 10 and to understand its use.

Although I have described a principal embodiment of my invention with considerable detail in the foregoing specification and have illustrated it extensively in the drawings, it is to be understood that I reserve the right to practice variations in the invention that do not exceed the scope of the appended claims. Also, I shall consider any variation of the present invention practiced by others that falls within the scope of the claims following, to be one with my invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A one-piece clip attachable to an automobile sun visor, said clip shaped into two paralleling sections, said sections having opposite opened ends, comprising:
  - a. a first section sized for attachment to a free side edge of an automobile sun visor;
  - b. a second section sized for holding a container removable therein;
  - c. means in said first section for removable snap on fitting to said automobile sun visor on said free side edge thereof;

d. means in said second section for maintaining said container removable therein;

e. means in said second section for maintaining said container ratable.

f. means in said second section for splitting a seal in a rounded container wherein said means in said second section for splitting a seal in a rounded container includes an elongated triangular blade positioned in a vertical wall in said structure, said blade adapted to be aligned with an ordinary sealer on said container;

g. said second section having a spacing wall adapted to fit said container;

h. said second section having a widened base; and

i. means providing visible viewing of text on said widened base.

2. The clip according to claim 1 wherein said means in said first section for removable snap on fitting to said automobile sun visor on said free side edge thereof includes a turned up attachment guide on terminal member of said clip at said opened end of said first section.

3. The clip according to claim 1 wherein said means in said first section for removable snap on fitting to said automobile sun visor on said free side edge thereof includes a turned up attachment guide at a terminal end of said clip at said opened end of said first section.

4. The clip according to claim 1 wherein said means in said first section for removable snap on fitting to said automobile sun visor on said free side edge thereof includes material resilience in the clip structure, said material being sufficiently pliable to release said clip for pull removal.

5. The clip of claim 1 wherein said means in said second section for maintaining said container removable therein includes a container clamp design in the shape of the clip structure and resilience in the clip material remembering a container holding position, said material being sufficiently pliable for pull release of said container.

6. The clip of claim 1 wherein said means in said second section for said maintaining said container ratable includes a terminal end at said opened end of said second section of said clip angled up to press centrally against the bottom of said container providing a pivotal point allowing rotational movement of said container.

7. The clip of claim 1 wherein said second section having said spacing wall includes a measured wall in a straight section of said second section providing an opening in said second section of said clip sized for acceptance of said container when said container is of the type usually referred to as a moist snuff container.

8. The clip of claim 1 wherein said means providing visible viewing of text on said widened base is an exposed surface of

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**[57] CLAIM**

The ornamental design for a hook, as shown and described.

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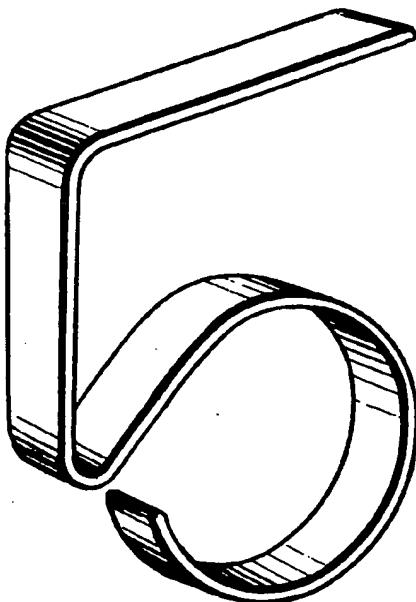
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FIG. 2 is a right end view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a left end view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a top plan view thereof; and

FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view thereof.

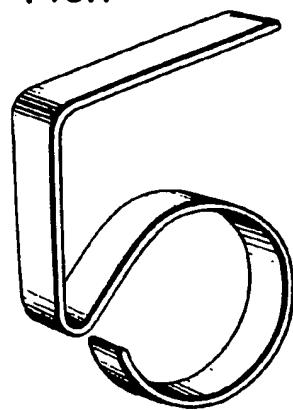
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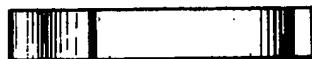
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*FIG. 3*



*FIG. 5*



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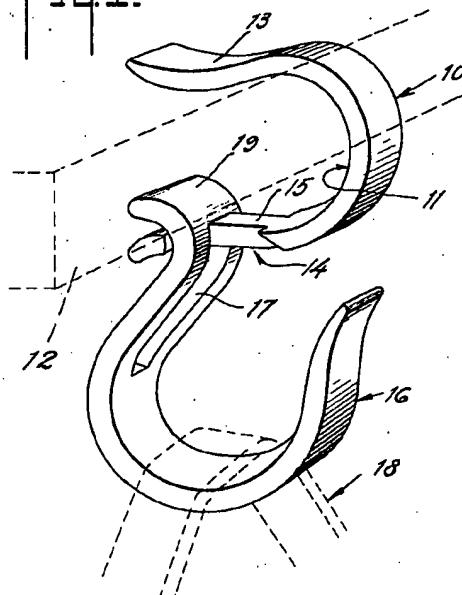


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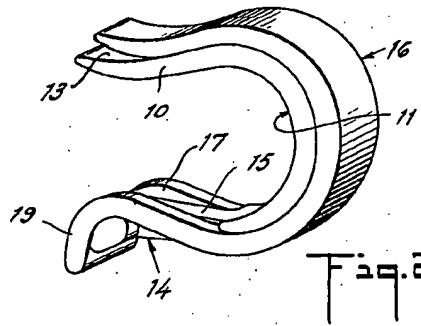


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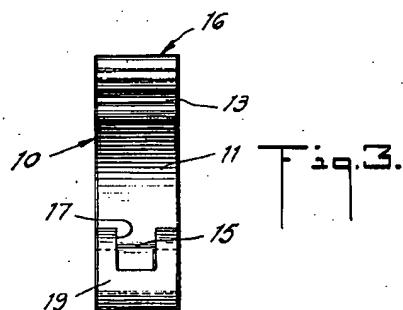


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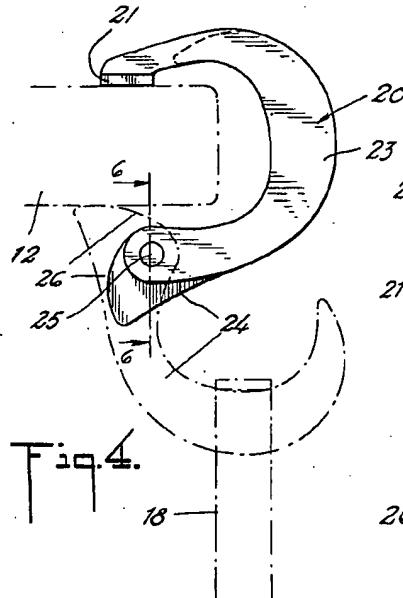


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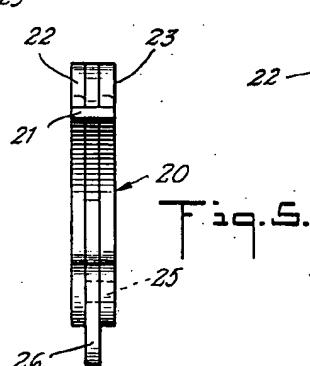


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## SUPPORT FOR HANDBAGS AND OTHER ARTICLES

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**1**  
This is an invention for support for handbags and other articles.

My present invention relates to a support which may be mounted on and removed from a ledge, such as the edge of a table or shelf and which, when placed thereon will clamp on said ledge and provide a hook from which articles, such as a handbag can be suspended.

The support may be readily slipped onto the marginal portion of the ledge and when an article, such as a handbag, is suspended therefrom will clamp onto the ledge with a force corresponding with the weight of the article suspended therefrom. When the article is removed the clamping action is released and the support may readily be removed or slipped off the supporting ledge.

In my invention I provide a hook or hook-like element into the bend or bight of which the supporting ledge may be received. On the part of the hook below the ledge is pivotally mounted a second hook to receive the handle of the handbag, or similar article, and having a cam-like projection extending beyond the pivot or pivotal point. The weight of the article tends to swing the hook downwardly about the pivot and to swing the cam-like projecting portion beyond the pivot upwardly against the lower surface of the ledge, thereby clamping the support tightly on the ledge.

The pivoted hooks are preferably so shaped that they may be swung into substantial alignment when not in use and thus folded into a compactly small size that may occupy a minimum of space when carried inside the handbag.

The hooks may be pivoted together with a pin or by a slot engagement, or in any suitable manner which will permit the lower hook to swing into and out of clamping engagement with a supporting ledge.

The various features of the invention are illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one embodiment of the invention showing the support in position to engage and grip a tabletop or other ledge and to support a handbag;

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the hooks folded into compact position;

Fig. 3 is an end view of the folded article taken from the left of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a side view of another modification of the invention in clamping position;

Fig. 5 is an end view taken from the open end or left of Fig. 4;

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Fig. 6 is a section taken through the pin of the support of Figs. 4 and 5.

Referring more particularly to Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the support comprises a gripping hook 10 curved to provide a recess or bight 11 to receive the marginal portion of a table top or other ledge 12. The upper part 13 of the hook 10 may rest on the ledge and the lower part 14 extends beneath the ledge and is narrowed or curved to form a neck 15 at a short distance from the lower end of the hook.

A second hook 16 is provided with a slot 17 to receive the neck portion 15 of the first hook so that it may swing freely thereon.

A handle 18 of a handbag or other article may be suspended from the bight of the hook 16, the hook extending beyond the slot 17 to form a cam-like surface 19 which swings upwardly against the table top 12 as the hook 16 is swung downwardly by the weight of the handbag until it firmly engages the lower surface of the table or ledge.

With the above arrangement the support will engage the table top with a grip corresponding to the weight on the hook 16, thereby clamping the support securely and without danger of its falling loose or being displaced.

The cam-shaped extension 19 may swing from a position approximately in alignment with the lower part of the hook 10 upwardly into the bight within the hook 10 so as to engage and clamp table tops of varying thicknesses.

When not in use the lower hook 16 may be swung upwardly into alignment with the upper hook 10 as shown in Fig. 2, and when in this position will occupy a minimum of space so that it may be conveniently carried in a handbag.

In the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 4, 5 and 6, the support comprises a ledge engaging hook 20 having a flat head 21 to rest on and be supported by the upper surface of the table-ledge 12. From the head 21 the hook 20 extends about the edge of the table to a position beneath the lower surface thereof and this portion of the hook is slit or slotted to provide a pair of spaced hook-shaped plates 22 and 23.

A second hook 24, of a thickness to be received within the space between the plates 22 and 23, is pivoted near one end on a pivot 25 at the lower end of the hook 20. The hook 24 is provided with a cam-like extension 26 beyond the pivot 25, and hook 24 may be swung about the pivot 25 into the space between the plates 22 and 23 as indicated in Figs. 4 and 5. In this position the hook 24 is in substantial alignment with the

hook 20 to occupy a minimum of space. It may be swung downwardly to the position indicated in broken lines in Fig. 4 to receive the handle of a handbag or similar article, and in this position the cam-like extension 26 will be swung upwardly by the weight of the handbag against the lower surface of the table or ledge, clamping the support securely thereon.

Any suitable pivot may be employed but, as indicated in Fig. 6, may be formed on one of the plates as at 22 and heat sealed in the other to anchor the two plates 22 and 23 securely at their lower ends.

The hooks may be made of any suitable material, such as metal, wood or plastic. When made of plastic the support is very light in weight and attractive in appearance and sufficiently strong to support the weight of the handbag.

The support has the advantage that once placed in position it cannot be accidentally displaced, being securely clamped by the weight of the handbag. Upon removing the handbag this clamping action is released and the support may be slipped off the table, compactly folded and placed inside of the handbag.

It will be understood that the two modifications are shown by way of example and that the invention may be embodied in other particular forms.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. An article support which comprises a hook having a bight to receive a supporting ledge, a second hook pivoted on said first hook below said bight and having a cam-shaped projection beyond the pivotal point to clamp against said ledge.

2. The support of claim 1 in which said

second hook is similar in shape and position to said first hook to swing from alignment therewith.

3. An article support comprising a hook having a bight to receive a supporting ledge and having a neck near its end below said bight and a second hook having a slot encircling said neck and provided with a cam-shaped extension beyond said slot to swing into the bight of said first hook when swung in one direction and to swing into alignment with said first hook when swung in the opposite direction.

4. An article support comprising a hook having a head to rest on a supporting surface and having a pair of hook-shaped plates extending from said head in a curve to a position opposite said head, a second hook pivoted between said plates near the end thereof opposite said head and having a cam-shaped extension to swing upwardly toward said supporting surface, said second hook being received between said plates of said first hook when swung into alignment therewith.

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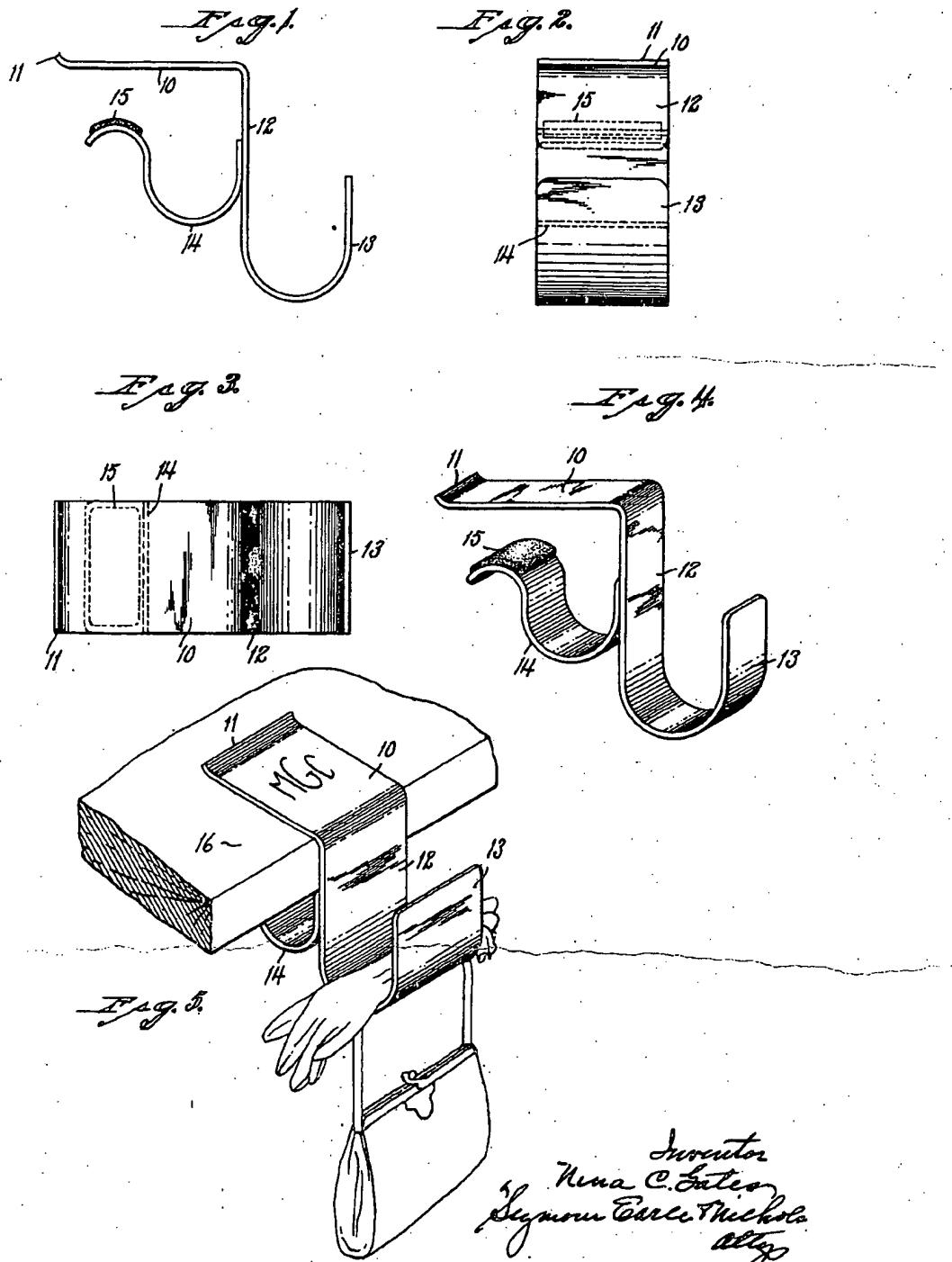
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## ARTICLE HOLDER

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This invention relates to an improvement in article-holders, the object being to provide a holder adapted to be applied to the edge of a table for the reception of gloves, bags, or other articles of ladies' use, and the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a side view of an article-holder constructed in accordance with my invention; 10 Fig. 2 is a front view of the same; Fig. 3 is a top view of the same; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the same; and 15 Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the device applied to the edge of a table with articles in position.

The holder is formed from two strips of sheet metal, one strip forming a table-plate 20 10 with a slightly upwardly-curved lip 11. The strip is bent at right angles to form a supporting-arm 12, the lower end 13 of the plate being bent upward into U-shape to form an open pocket.

Secured to the rear face of the arm 12 is 25 a spring clamping-member 14 preferably provided at its inner end with a cushion-pad 15. This clamping-member may be secured to the arm 12 by electric welding or otherwise.

This device is adapted to be secured to the edge of a table 16, the plate resting upon the top and the clamping-member extending beneath the table so as to hold the device in position.

A bag may be suspended in the pocket and the pocket provides space for gloves, hand-kerchief and other articles.

The table-plate may bear the monogram of the owner, name of the hotel or restaurant, 40 or be ornamental as desired, and the device may be finished in any desired manner, such as plating, enameling or otherwise.

This device may be readily applied or removed from a table and provides for the support of articles in a convenient position for

the owner so as to avoid the necessity of placing such articles on the table or attempting to hold them.

I claim:

As a new article of manufacture, a sheet-metal holder for application to the edge of a flat table-top, the said holder consisting of a strip of flat sheet-metal bent to form a horizontal supporting-arm to rest flatwise upon the table-top near the edge thereof, a vertical suspension-arm extending downwardly at a right angle from the outer end of the said supporting-arm, and an upwardly-turned supporting-loop forming an extension of the said suspension-arm, the said holder also comprising a doubly-curved spring-retaining member, one end of which is rigidly secured to the rear face of the said suspension-arm and extending thence downwardly in a curve and then upwardly in a reverse curve under the said horizontal arm with which it yieldingly coacts to grip the edge of the table-top.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification.

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**1** **a** : a curving or doubling of a line so as to form a closed or partly open curve within itself through which another line can be passed or into which a hook may be hooked **b** : such a fold of cord or ribbon serving as an ornament

**2** **a** : something shaped like a loop **b** : a circular airplane maneuver executed in the vertical plane

**3** : a ring or curved piece used to form a fastening, handle, or catch

**4** : a closed electric circuit

**5** : a piece of film or magnetic tape whose ends are spliced together so as to project or play back the same material continuously

**6** : a series of instructions (as for a computer) that is repeated until a terminating condition is reached

**7** : a sports league

**8** : a select well-informed inner circle that is influential in decision making *<out of the policy loop>*

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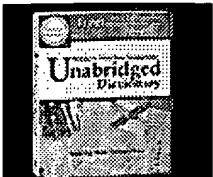
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| \&\ as <u>e</u> in <u>kitten</u>            | \E\ as <u>ea</u> in <u>easy</u>    | \oi\ as <u>oy</u> in <u>boy</u>    |
| \&r\ as <u>ur/er</u> in <u>further</u>      | \g\ as <u>g</u> in <u>go</u>       | \th\ as <u>th</u> in <u>thin</u>   |
| \a\ as <u>a</u> in <u>ash</u>               | \i\ as <u>i</u> in <u>hit</u>      | \th\ as <u>th</u> in <u>the</u>    |
| \A\ as <u>a</u> in <u>ace</u>               | \I\ as <u>i</u> in <u>ice</u>      | \oo\ as <u>oo</u> in <u>loot</u>   |
| \ä\ as <u>o</u> in <u>mop</u>               | \j\ as <u>j</u> in <u>job</u>      | \u\ as <u>oo</u> in <u>foot</u>    |
| \au\ as <u>ou</u> in <u>out</u>             | \[ng]\ as <u>ng</u> in <u>sing</u> | \y\ as <u>y</u> in <u>yet</u>      |
| \ch\ as <u>ch</u> in <u>chin</u>            | \O\ as <u>o</u> in <u>go</u>       | \zh\ as <u>si</u> in <u>vision</u> |

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